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Report of the President of the Board on his Consultations

At the meeting on 1 October 1990, the President of the Board at its thirty-sixth session, H.E. Oscar. R. de Rojas, delivered the following oral report:

As you will recall, in accordance with the provisions of our decision 381 (XXXVI) of 23 March last, the Board must take a final decision at this session concerning the date and place of the eighth session of the Conference - UNCTAD VIII. I was asked to continue my consultations to determine what Latin American countries might be in a position to offer themselves as an alternative venue for the Conference.

I regret very much to inform you today, at the end of my term of office, that there has been no further positive development of which I can inform you since the report that I submitted to you during the second part of the thirty-sixth session (TD/B/L.895). I assure you that the consultations were held at the highest level, with all the necessary thoroughness and urgency, but they have proved fruitless. Various Latin American countries - including my own - gave serious consideration to the possibility of acting as host to the Conference but, some for financial reasons and others through the lack of the necessary physical infrastructure, they have been unable to take a favourable decision.

In view of the preceding and of the fact that time was running out, I recently decided to write to the Chairman of the Latin American Group at Geneva on the subject and supply him with this information. I think that the matter is now in the hands of both the Latin American Group and the Board itself. I very much hope, like all of you, that together we can find a satisfactory and advantageous solution.

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